<u>Title 10, California Code of Regulations</u>

Adopt Section 6440 to read:

Section 6440: Dental Plan New Entrant Application for Plan Year 2015

The purpose of this section is to set forth the requirements for eligible applicants to request certification as a either a standalone dental plan or an issuer of family dental plans in the individual Exchange and for the SHOP Exchange. Applicants must complete the Dental Plan New Entrant Application for Plan Year 2015 in order to request certification of its plan offerings as either a standalone dental plan or family dental plan for the 2015 Plan Year. If an applicant meets the requirements for certification and if Covered California, in its sole discretion, determines that additional dental plans as proposed by the applicant meet the requirements and are necessary, some or all of that applicant's proposed plans may be certified as standalone dental plans or family dental plans for the Plan Year 2015. If an applicant fails to meet the requirements for certification as a standalone dental plan or a family dental plan for 2015 or if Covered California, in its sole discretion, determines that the applicant's offerings are not necessary in a given geographic service area, Covered California may decline to certify some or all of the applicant's proposed plans for 2015.

- (a) The definitions included in 10 CCR 6410 shall govern this section. Any other applicable terms not defined in Section 6410 are defined in subdivision (d).
- (b) Applicants eligible to complete the Dental Plan New Entrant Application for Plan Year 2015 include any plan licensed to offer dental benefits in California in 2015 in either the individual or small group market.
- (c) Submission Requirements: Entities eligible to apply for certification to participate in the Individual or SHOP Exchange must:
 - (1) <u>Submit a notice to Covered California indicating intent to request certification no later than 5:00 pm Pacific Time on March 17, 2014.</u>
 - (2) Complete the application in subdivision (e) and submit to Covered California in its entirety no later than 5:00 pm Pacific Time on May 1, 2014.
- (d) Dental Plan New Entrant Application for Plan Year 2015: Applicants who are eligible to complete the Dental Plan New Entrant Application for Plan Year 2015for participation in the Individual or SHOP Exchange must complete the Dental Plan New Entrant Application for Plan Year 2015.

[INSERT Dental Plan New Entrant Application for Plan Year 2015 with Attachments]

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Reference Government Code Sections 100502, 100503,100504,100505